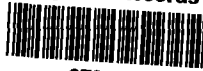


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June 29, 1981

Mr. James Moran, President
Bronson Specialties, Inc.
404 Union Street
Bronson, Michigan

Re: Plastics and Products Divisions

Dear Mr. Moran:

This letter confirms our June 23, 1981 visit to the Plastics and Products Divisions of Bronson Specialties.

On the north side of the Plastics Division building there are two 175 gallon storage tanks. One tank contains oleum and the other contains waste oil. If one of these tanks were to leak, the liquid would flow to the nearby storm sewer in the street. You must, therefore, either relocate the tanks to an area where any leakage will not flow by gravity or be washed to any drains or stain any soils. The tanks could be stored in a drainless room in the plant. Or, you can leave them in place, make sure they are on an impervious surface, and place a dike (for containment) around them. The contained area must hold the volume (when full) of one of the tanks.

At the Products Division, there were several open barrels of waste grinding oil stored on the west side of the building. There were also several sealed barrels of waste hydraulic oil in this area. Oil was also seen on the ground around a nearby scrap gondola.

Please remove the above barrels from their present location. If you are going to store the barrels, put them in an area such as that described for the Plastics Division. You must also clean up any oil stained soils in this area.

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The oil around the scrap gondola must be cleaned up. Any stained soils here must also be cleaned up. If the leakage from the gondola that was observed is typical, an oil collection system must be installed.

We also wish to inform you that a certified wastewater operator must sign your monthly wastewater report forms. Certification exams are given by our Training and Certification Section. You should contact them as soon as possible at 517-373-0397 for more information. There is an exam this November.

Please send us a letter by July 17, 1981 informing us of the following:

1. Action to be taken concerning the oleum and oil tanks at the Plastics Division.
2. Action taken at the Products Division concerning removal of waste oils and clean up of oil and soils.
3. Containment plans for the scrap gondola at the Products Division.
4. Name(s) of individuals who will be applying for the certified wastewater operator exam.

We would like to thank Mr. Kibiloski, Mr. Kubasjak, and Harold for their time and cooperation during this visit. If you have any questions, please call us at 517-322-1687.

We have enclosed a 1981 list of licensed waste haulers which you may find of use.

Very truly yours,

WATER QUALITY DIVISION

Thomas A. Newell
Acting District Engineer

by:

Roger Jones
Water Quality Specialist

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